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**SPECIAL INTERNET WEB SITE CREATED**  
**WITH MOSCOW AQUIFER PETITION INFORMATION**

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A special Internet web site has been created containing a wealth of information regarding the petition asking the state to impose a moratorium and other restrictions on the Moscow area ground water aquifer, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The Internet address is: **[www.idwr.state.id.us/Moscow](http://www.idwr.state.id.us/Moscow)**.

The petition seeks to have IDWR impose a moratorium on the processing and approval of all pending and new applications for water rights from both the shallow and deep aquifer systems serving the Latah County and Moscow-Pullman region. The petition also asks IDWR to establish a critical ground water management area for the Grande Ronde Aquifer, the deep regional aquifer that serves the Moscow/Latah County area; and that it designate the Wanapum and shallow level aquifer as a ground water management area, according to IDWR officials.

The web site provides Moscow and Latah County residents with a look at the actual petition that was filed with IDWR in November 2003. It also contains a summary of supporting documents filed with the petition.

The City of Moscow's response to the petition is also available on the web site, as is how residents can comment on the petition and a wide range of other water management information.

IDWR will hold a special public meeting on the petition on February 2 from 7-9 p.m. at the University of Idaho College of Law courtroom. At that meeting, residents will hear information about the hydrogeology of the aquifer, plus details about the management actions requested in the petition.

The courtroom is located in the Menard Law Building at 6th and Rayburn. The meeting is open to all area residents who have an interest in ground water issues in the Moscow-Pullman-Latah County area. For more information contact Helen Harrington, (208) 327-7950.